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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masaharu Yoshiyama  
Serial No.: 09/911,784  
Conf. No.: 3902  
Filed: 7/24/2001  
For: DATABASE RETRIEVING METHOD...  
Art Unit: 2167  
Examiner: Pham, Khanh B.

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) Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria,  
) VA 22313-1450, on this date.

) 5/6/05  
) Date  
) F-CLASS.WCM Registration No. 41,760  
) Attorney for Applicant(s)  
) Appr. February 20, 1998  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended		Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	16	-	20	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	=	\$ 0
Independent Claims	10	-	10	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$ 0
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims							\$360.00	=	\$ 0
							Total Additional Fee		\$ 0
							Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)		\$

(X) Amendment C.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

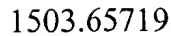
(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## AMENDMENT C

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, please amend the application as follows: